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**RE: In the matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company
Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to Public Notice DA 06-2325 (dated November 17, 2006), I humbly submit my request for nomination to the Universal Service Administrative Company ('USAC') Board of Directors., specifically the representative for information service providers ('ISP').

Please find enclosed a copy of my resume' as well as several letters in support of my nomination from various industry members of the information service provider group.

I have had the distinct honor of previously serving on the USAC board in the same capacity from 2000-2003.

Twenty-five years ago, at the age of nineteen, I founded my company, Spectrum Communications. We provide network communications for a vast array of clients;

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school districts, libraries, Department of Homeland Security, and various federal and private organizations.

I have many years of public procurement and contract law experience. During my tenure on the USAC Board, I was honored to provide my input on several issues; State master contracts (GSA/CMAS/etc.), License and bonding requirements, and Manufactures database needs.

My knowledge of this industry and the constituents I would represent, allow me to bring useful insight to the Board.

I am deeply committed to all of the programs served by the Universal Service Funds, having previously served on both the Rural Health Care and School and Libraries committees. As well I share the FCC's commitment against waste, fraud, and abuse.

Many of my recommendations and suggestions are in practice today at USAC. I would value the opportunity to serve again at the pleasure of the FCC.

If you should have any questions or require further information, please contact me directly at (951) 529-6040.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Rivera
President
Spectrum Communications

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Attachments

Resume of Robert Rivera, Jr.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- ❖ 25 years of strong and varied experience in the network communications and computer industry.
- ❖ Experience with network protocols and physical layer technologies and architectures.
- ❖ Experienced in working with a wide range of cable plants, computer systems, programming languages and telecommunications equipment.
- ❖ Experience in design, installation and maintenance of data communications cabling and equipment, including multiplexers, modems, hubs, switches, routers and phone systems.
- ❖ Strong background in customer relations, business management and employee supervision and training.
- ❖ Extensive experience in Public contract laws, procurement regulations (GSA, CMAS, MSA, F.A.R, C.F.R.) and employment law.
- ❖ Experienced in blueprint reading, project management and vendor relations.
- ❖ Licensed Contractor: State of California, (General B-1, Specialty C-7, C-10)
State of Oregon (Limited Specialty)
State of Arizona (Low Voltage)

EQUIPMENT EXPERIENCE:

Computers, Network Equipment, Phone systems, Routers, Switches, Multiplexers, DACS and Cabling standards (IEEE, EIA)

CERTIFICATIONS:

RCDD (Registered Communications Distribution Designer) #042019
Leviton certified (Category 5, 5E, 6)
Microsoft MCSE
3M certified
VSP (Value Solutions Program/Pacific Bell)
3Com Network Master

ACCREDITATIONS:

Inc. 500 Magazine's "Top 500 Fastest Growing Private Companies in America" 6 consecutive years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 & 2003

Hispanic Business Magazine's "Entrepreneur of the Year" – 2000

3 time nominee for Ernst & Young's "Entrepreneur of the Year" – 1999, 2000, 2003

9 time Hispanic Business "Fastest Growing Companies in United States" – 1995-2003

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1984-Present SPECTRUM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Corona, CA
President/CEO/Founder

Manage all phases of a \$60 million dollar corporation including design, installation, maintenance and servicing of all forms of voice and data cabling (copper and fiber) and related hardware. Perform technical work such as troubleshooting and installing equipment. Responsible for the direct supervision and training of employees. Responsible for sales management, accounting, inventory, payroll and other administrative functions.

1983-1984 LITACOM INTERNATIONAL, INC. Santa Ana, CA
Vice President of Research and Development

Developed legal and medical software on multi-user PC's using DOS and UNIX operating systems. Coordinated computer operations, software development and documentation, as well as integration of applications software to operating systems. Presented status reports to board members and shareholders.

1980-1982 NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER (DOD) Corona, CA
Computer Aid

Wrote various utilities and library programs using Cobal and FORTRAN for Univac 1183/1108. Assisted programmers and users with system problems. Analyzed and corrected problems with terminals and communications network

AFFILIATIONS:

Board of Directors, Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) – eRate
Board of Directors, Workforce Development Board Riverside County
Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
Member of Building Industry Consulting Service International, Inc. (BICSI)
Member, California Contractors License Training and Standards
American Heart Association Board of Directors
YMCA Board of Directors
City of Corona Planning Commission
Corona Elks Board of Trustees

EDUCATION:

1982-1983 RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Riverside, CA
Major: Computer Science

1991-1992 RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:
Level I Reserve Officer Training, Module C
Level II Reserve Officer Training, Module B
Level III Reserve Officer Training, Skid School, Arrest and Firearms
Emergency Medical Services Education
Traffic Accident Investigation
California Highway Patrol Skid School (P.C. 40600 certified)
California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)
Powers of Arrest
Firearms Familiarization and Safety
Non-Lethal Chemical Agent

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I have always had a fascination with electronics, as a kid I was always taking apart things around the house (toaster, TV, radio, etc.). I built my first computer, a Heathkit, when I was 16 years old. I went to work for the Navy (Fleet Analysis Center) at 17. There I learned more about large scale computing and several computing languages.

I then went to work for local cable companies; Group W, Times/Mirror, Cablevision. I was responsible for the broadband distribution and head-end equipment deployment.

At Litacom, I was responsible for providing product development. I worked with several interesting projects based on the 8008 and 8088 chipset, and the ability to perform multitasking.

I began thinking of starting my own company, and I realized that I had cable experience and computer experience.

Then came, what I call my first round of financing. I was riding a motorized scooter with my girlfriend (now my wife), when a guy made a left turn in front of me, hitting us. His insurance settled with me for \$2,500.00, of which I took \$1,500.00 and bought a phone, business cards, and letterhead. Thus began Spectrum Communication.

We provide communications cabling, network hardware, training, and on-site consultation. I have implemented a 3 tier management structure, which allows my team to make rapid and critical decisions in a well structured and understood method.

I liken myself here at Spectrum, not as the Capitan of the ship, but as the Navigator. My specialty is my ability to select a desired goal; develop objectives and tasks to implement the goal; set benchmarks (milestones) to measure progress; and work through problems or set backs interfering with these goals (problem resolution).

I have worked with, and at Spectrum employ, many law firms (Piper Rudnick, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter and Hampton, Fried Frank) in crafting extensive legislative proposals regarding employment and contract law. I have also worked with, and at Spectrum employ, three (3) lobby firms. I am very familiar with politics at all levels, Local, State, and Federal. This knowledge is key to operating successfully in the public sector marketplace.